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Applicant requests review of the final rejection in the above-identified application. No amendments are being filed with this request.

This request is being filed with a notice of appeal.

The review is requested for the reason(s) stated on the attached sheet(s).

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REASONS FOR REQUESTING A PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REVIEW

Dear Sir:

The Examiner has finally rejected on 11/16/2005 all of the claims in the present application under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable over Roberts (U.S. Patent 6,101,486). This is also the same ground of rejection cited in the previous office action dated 05/24/2005.

Applicant submitted 08/23/2005 in response to this previous office action of 5/24/2005, argument showing that independent claim 1 is allowable over Roberts. Claim 1 clearly requires creating a vision of a supplier's core competencies based on three items.

1. said constraints of said point of contact, i.e. those

constraints determined in the first step of claim 1
2. said profiled past, i.e., the profiled past of said user retrieved in the second step of claim 1 which clearly must include purchased data which is grouped or keyed to presenting a lifestyle or lifestage view of said user
3. said current actions, i.e., those retrieved in the third step of claim 1.

The Examiner has not shown where Roberts describes creating a vision of a supplier's core competencies based on all 3 items. In particular, Roberts does not describe retrieving the profiled past of the user, including purchased data which is grouped or keyed to presenting a lifestyle or lifestage view of said user.

Claim 1 furthermore requires that an opportunity be created consistent with said vision, i.e., the vision created based on the 3 items above, by merging together and optimizing said vision with said supplier's channel awareness. Roberts also does not describe creating such an opportunity. The Examiner appears to state that Roberts' delivering content to a user describes this requirement. However, the portions of Roberts cited do not describe or suggest creating the specific opportunity, based on the vision, and merging together and optimizing requirements of claim 1.

Applicant therefore disagrees with the present rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) because the Examiner has not shown where Roberts describes all of the features required by independent claim 1. These same features are also recited in all of the other independent claims (21, 22, and 23).

Applicant therefore respectfully requests a pre-appeal
brief review as noted on the attached from PTO/SB/33.

Respectfully submitted,

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